

22 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Defection in ~~ENGLAND~~ England

RE : POPPE

1. Talked to [] (FE/FI) re clearance for POPPE to assist in any possible defection among Soviet citizens who might ^{become un happy} defect during the Congress of Orientalists.

2. He said that this matter could best be handled by OO, who has an [] We are not permitted to operate in the UK. Therefore the British would handle any and all defections and OO could tap into it. He was also ~~suspicious~~ dubious of any Soviet defectors to another Russian - said that histories of past defections have borne out this point.

3. Our request to OO for answers to our questions should be enough to exploit possible opportunities. But, on the suggestion of [] will discuss the possibility of defection with OO.

CRS.

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